

MISSOURI BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2000

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Barb Perrell, Intern to Joan Bray
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Larry Welty, MoDOT, D-6
Bob Watts, Missouri Bicycle Federation
Terry Byatt, City of Ballwin
Dale Brigham, Department of Health/Univ. O/E

I. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Mike Murray chaired this meeting of the MOBAC; and Donna Ridenhour recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Murray requested the members introduce themselves and give their affiliations.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Rules of Procedure

III. Membership Report

Jack Fincher has left the committee. Ken McGrail and Randy Gray have no time to devote. Brad Sinn would like to be on the committee after changing employment category. A copy of the list of openings was reviewed. If a person drops out of a category, can they automatically go to another category? This was discussed, but was unresolved.

If a person changes employment, the person can make application and at the discretion of the committee, will be approved or disapproved for membership. See Membership Guidelines. The committee needs to look at the geography of the state. This might help us to find different types of people with different interests. Mike Murray proposed to set up a nominating committee. Those nominated to the committee were Andy Clements, Joan Bray, Jeff Elson, and Deb Schnack. Chairman Murray said attendance is very important. Allow two unexcused absences per year, then Dennis Scott would contact this person and people should RSVP the meeting notice (see page 4 - Rules of Procedure).

IV. Committee Effectiveness

A. How can we become more effective in the three-month period between meetings?

- ◆ Martin Pion suggested MoDOT provide some sort of system to make conference calls.
- ◆ Representative Joan Bray agreed there should be something set up to be able to communicate between meetings. The more you can inform people, the more support you will receive.
- ◆ Dennis Scott has inquired regarding prearranging conference calls through a state operator. Don Hillis is now the MoDOT manager officially on the committee and hopefully Don will be able to assist the committee with issues of this nature. It was

suggested that if a member finds he/she has some free time, maybe call two or three other members and get them on board to discuss issues, or whomever can be reached, or if someone from the subcommittee needs to call someone else, the charges potentially could be expensed.

- ◆ Don Hillis asked Dennis Scott to tell him what it will take to make this work on getting conference call capabilities set up. Don said scheduled meetings are better than unscheduled meetings. It is better to schedule a conference call rather than try to do one spontaneously.
- ◆ Mike Murray said the committee should make a formal request to MoDOT to provide conference calling capabilities.

B. Is there a designated contact person in each district?

- ◆ Andy Clements suggested that one person in MoDOT be assigned to work with Bike/Ped Committee for a one year period. Don Hillis said MoDOT has a lot of staff, but they are busy also. Don said he would be glad to take forward committee recommendations.
- ◆ Dennis Scott said District 6 has been the most involved. Dennis will also be going to visit all the districts during March into May providing training on our new Bike and Pedestrian policy. Dennis said many states do have an assigned contact in each district office.
- ◆ Don Hillis said it comes down to the unofficial contact person which would be each district's planning person.
- ◆ Larry Welty, District 6, said Steve Knobbe the District Engineer, has created a committee in the district to address in detail the implementation of this policy.
- ◆ Don Hillis suggested the committee needs to set some goals. The effectiveness of the committee is measured in what the committee can get done. Don suggested the committee write a recommendation and submit it to MoDOT and MoDOT will respond.

Action Item -

Don Hillis will find out what the process is for presenting recommendations to MoDOT.

V. Subcommittee Breakout Session

The subcommittees were directed to their meeting locations.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Planning/Design/Physical Environment

(To be filled in at 6/5 meeting)

B. Legislation/Funding

(To be filled in at 6/5 meeting)

C. Promotion/Public Information

Didn't have this subcommittee.

D. Safety/Education/Enforcement

1. "Streets Smart" and PADOT Bicycle Driver's Manual. Agreed to adopt Streets Smart in same way as PADOT had done as the basis for their Bicycle Driver's Manual, and urge Dennis to obtain all 30,000 copies of SS offered gratis by Rodale Press for this purpose. Could be included in folder to avoid rebinding, and include bicycle-related Missouri statutes with comments as appropriate, as PADOT had done. Include BR card to help judge degree of dissemination and utility. Distribution? Bicycle shops, bike mounted police, driver testing, etc.
2. Safety booklet "From A-Z by Bike," which Dennis wanted to purchase in large quantities. Concern expressed over application. Recommended buying in a small, say 5K, test quantity first and try to gauge utility.
3. Missouri Driver's Guide - bike/pedestrian input discussed and recommended. Needed by April for July publication.
4. Conference calling privileges to improve subcommittee communication in between quarterly meetings.

VII. Presentation by Machele Watkins, MoDOT

Machele Watkins of MoDOT discussed MoDOT's Safety Program with the committee. Machele said Federal funds can be used to implement safety improvements on any public road or public surface transportation facility, which includes interstate, or any publicly owned bicycle or pedestrian trail.

MoDOT's safety program has been revised through 2003 to allow more flexibility in the areas of : 1) types of projects considered eligible, and 2) funding distribution.

Eligible Projects -

1. A safety countermeasure to an accident location, wet/dry problem, or a location from the Safety Index rating list which produces a favorable B/C ratio.
2. A corrective measure to a fatal accident location.
3. A new signal installation.
4. A safety enhancement to a location identified through a formal Road Safety Review Procedure.
5. Bicycle or pedestrian pathways or trails, traffic calming measures, access management retrofit projects, etc.
6. Any safety projects which are a priority to the district, but not covered above can be submitted for Operations/Project Development review and consideration.

Funding Distribution -

1. \$16 million dollars has been set aside for safety projects.
2. \$8 million is distributed to St. Louis and Kansas City Urban areas.
3. \$6 million is distributed to the remaining rural districts.
 - a. Three-year accident history of the district compared to total accident experience in all rural districts.
 - b. Average of the percent of total accidents and the percent of total fatalities.
 - c. Minimum distribution is \$500,000.
4. \$2 million will be reserved for statewide system improvements.

Potential changes to Safety Program funding include:

1. If state legislation on .08 BAC and repeat offenders does not pass, funds must be transferred from the R/W & Construction Program to 402 Safety funds.
 - a. \$6.2 million for each legislation not passed by October 2000.
 - b. \$6.3 million for each legislation not passed by October 2001.
 - c. \$12.9 million for each legislation not passed by October 2002.
2. MoDOT is developing a Long Range Transportation Plan and Needs Study. The results will drive our funding distribution and project prioritization.

We will make further revisions to the safety program for years beyond 2003 by: 1) working in unison with the Long Range Plan, and 2) continuing to make improvements based on district input.

The question was asked: How many bicycle/pedestrian accidents are not reported? For any questions, you can call 1-888-ASK MoDOT.

VIII. Presentation by Todd Ashby, MoDOT, Long-Range Transportation Plan

Road Rallies were recently held in Blue Springs, Macon, Springfield, and Fenton. In January and February, 346 participants from across the state participated in one of four Road Rallies. Participants included randomly selected members of the public, local civic officials, representatives from regional and metropolitan planning organizations, chambers of commerce and economic development agencies and MoDOT employees.

Road Rallies were designed to identify what people believe to be the relative importance of specific features on the state highway system. For example, participants commented about whether driving lanes and roadway shoulders were wide enough and whether pavement surfaces were smooth enough on specific types of roadways managed by MoDOT.

MoDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan will guide the way transportation improvement projects are identified, prioritized, and scheduled over at least the next 20 years. The Long Range Transportation Plan will address needs for other modes of transportation including, aviation, rail, transit, waterway, and bicycle/pedestrian.

An important component of the Long Range Transportation Plan is a detailed needs assessment that addresses all modes of transportation. Development of the needs assessment requires a balance of two important considerations: responsible engineering data and public input. A draft Long Range Transportation Plan will be available in June, and the final plan is expected to be complete this fall.

IX. New Business

- A. Walking/Bicycling Opportunity Brochure - Lisa Holliday has recommended the creation of a brochure to describe bicycling and walking opportunities throughout the state
- B. Rumble Strips - Discussed and information can be found on the internet at Safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rumble_strips.com.

Recommendation: Ask MoDOT to look into reexamining policy regarding rumble strips (narrower strip).

- C. Missouri Bicycle Federation - Bob Watts, Chairman, Missouri Bicycle Federation, attended the meeting. Bob said they try to make things better and safer for adult and child bicyclists.

Many MBF members belong to MPO-B/P committees across the state. MBF works with towns and counties and needs more members willing to work.

Bob said there are bridge problems. Bridges are not built to accommodate Bicycle/Pedestrians. Working with district offices to find a solution. Need to provide access for B/P when bridges are built.

Dave Edwards, FHWA, said if there is enough bike/ped traffic, then it should be done. Could petition or have a resolution for MoDOT to look into.

The committee feels MoDOT should be more responsive to recommendations. Don Hillis said to give him specific recommendations to take to MoDOT. What are your priorities and why?

- D. Conferences - A handout was made available to committee members regarding the Velo Mondial 2000, The Second World Bicycle Conference, June 18-22, 2000, which will be held in Amsterdam.

X. Reports

- A. District/Division Training on Bicycle/Pedestrian Guide - Dennis Scott said he was going to give training on the bike/ped policy to the districts. MPO's, RPC's, and local government may be invited. If you want to attend you can call our district office.

- B. MoBPAC Brochure - MoBPAC brochure is nearly complete. When completed, it will be mailed, along with a letter to state agencies describing the committee's availability to advise on bike/ped issues.
- C. Website - Notify via e-mail. Website is up and running. Some web links will probably be deleted due to guidance from MoDOT's web committee. Give Dennis input about it.
- D. Driver's Guide Recommendation - The letter to the Department of Revenue recommending changes to the Driver's Guide is nearly finalized.

XI. Other

Martin Pion suggested the committee members that had to travel to attend a meeting could come by Amtrak if the schedules were compatible. Need to look at schedules.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2000, at the Truman Building, 301 West High Street, Room 750, Jefferson City, MO.

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